was originally intended. The shifting of the location of the RLU has been decided with a view t_0 avoiding problems during the construction of the multi storeyed building planned at Cumballa Hill.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The RLU was not intended to serve the Peddar Road Area only. This was intended to take over part of the Gamdevi Area which includes Peddar Road.

(d) The question does not arise in view of replies to parts (a), (b) and (c) above.

(e) New Electronic Exchange at Cumballa Hill is likely to be commissioned during 1995-96.

Demand from subscribers to getnumber from New ElectronicExchange

2528. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bombay city the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Bombay in numerous Exchange Areas have old Exchange and Ne_w Electronic Exchange serving subscribers in the same area;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand from subscribers to get numbers from the New Electronic Exchanges;

(c) Whether it is a fact that frequently requests are received by MTNL for change of numbers to the New Electronic Exchanges;

(d) whether the Nigam has received complaints that the numbers are changed f°r monetary consideration;

(e) what are the basis for allotment of numbers of Electronic Exchanges to new subscribers or old subscribers;

and

(f) what concrete steps are being taken to stop this malpractice in Bombay City.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. Some requests have been received,

(d) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received.

(e) The following criteria are normally adopted for allotment of electronic exchange numbers to new and old subscribers:

(i) Som_e areas/buildings are earmarked as 100 per cent electronic areas and all subscribers in these areas get electronic exchange numbers.

(ii) subscribers of Public importance like hospitals, police stations, Railway stations, Govt. Offices etc. are allotted electronic exchange numbers subject to availab: iity

(iii) Private subscribers having high calling rate on STD are allotted electronic exchange numbers subject to availability.

(f) The powers for change of non-electronic exchange numbers to electronic exchange numbers have been withdrawn from junior officers and vested only with senior officers to avoid malpractices.

Premises of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Bombay

2529. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bombay City at Ghatkopar (East) at Hingwala Lane there is a premises of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Bombay;

(b) whether it i_s a fact that MTNL has shortage of space;

(c) whether it is a fact that at Hingwala Lane a New Building can be constructed;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Area Manager (East) office is located at Vikhroli in a rented premises;

(e) whether it is a fact that this place at Vikhroli is very inconvenient to the subscribers; and

(£) if so, what steps are being taken t_0 shift this office to the Hingwala Lane Building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir.

(e) No, Sir. It i_s centrally located and is accessible by bus and rail services. '%t*f

(f) There are no plans to shift the office to Hingwala Lane building as it is not adequate for the office of Area Manager (East). However, a plot of land has been acquired at Nityanand Nagar, Ghatkopar (West) fof constructing office building for Area Manager (East).

Coverage of assembly election campaign in Maharashtra by Doordarshan

2530. SHRISUBRAMANIAN SWAMY- Will the Minister $_0$f INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent Assembly Election Campaign in Maharashtra, the Bombay Doordarshan Kendra during the local Doordarshan Marathi News carried details of political parties and contesting candidates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the analysis no references were made to the names of the candidates contesting the election on Janata Party (J. P.) tickets; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Killing in Punjab

2531. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total number of persons killed by terrorists in Punjab from January, 1989 to June, 1990, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Available information in this regard is indicated as follows: —

Month	No. of personskilled
1989	
January	105
February	86
March	95
April	76
May	109
June	93
July	85
August	106
September	75
October	97
November	120
December	121
1990	
January	12«
February	95
March	178
April	170
May	195
June	175
	Total: 2107